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To: All Public Water Systems

**SAFE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND
ANNUAL PRE-APPLICATION SUBMISSION PERIOD**

The Department of Health Services (DHS) announces its annual preapplication submission period for revision of the Project Priority List (PPL) for SDWSRF funding. This priority list consists of all public water systems that wish to be considered for SDWSRF funding now or in the near future. Only those projects on the priority list are eligible for funding consideration. The PPL is compiled from "pre-applications" that are submitted by public water systems. DHS is now soliciting pre-applications for the PPL that will be used to fund projects during the 2006 funding cycle.

Please note that the preapplication mailing is the SDWSRF Program's only annual effort to contact each public water system in California with general program information. In December 2006, information on the draft Project Priority List, the draft Intended Use Plan, and related information will be posted on the SDWSRF Program website for public review and comment.

Your water system may have previously submitted a pre-application and your project may already be ranked on the current PPL. Such project(s) will be retained in their current ranking on the new PPL. If your water system has a problem that is not ranked on the priority list and you wish to have this problem considered for funding, you should submit a pre-application for that problem. If conditions have changed materially, or if new information concerning your previously ranked project has emerged that could affect the ranking of the project, you may wish to submit an updated pre-application and request a re-ranking of your project. Submitting a pre-application and having a project ranked on the PPL does not obligate a water system in any way nor is there any guarantee that being on the PPL will result in the awarding of SDWSRF financial assistance.

In addition, there is funding available from the SDWSRF program for **source water protection projects**. The Source Water Protection (SWP) loan program provides low-interest loans of up to \$2 million for eligible projects. Please see the enclosed announcement for information about the SWP funding process.

If your water system wishes to submit a pre-application, you should use the enclosed form. Instructions for filling out the form are also provided. This form must be returned to the District Office with jurisdiction for your area (see map enclosed) by close of business on **September 1, 2006**. If you have any question regarding the pre-applications, please contact the appropriate District Office. To check for projects that are currently on the PPL or to learn more about the SDWSRF Program, please visit our website at: <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/ddwem/srf/srfindex.htm>

Sincerely,

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Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Source Water Protection Loans

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Are you interested in PROTECTING your drinking water source?

Would you be interested in obtaining low-interest loan funds for *source water protection* activities? If so, there is additional funding available from the SDWSRF program.

The Source Water Protection (SWP) loan program provides low-interest loans of up to \$2 million to community water systems and nonprofit noncommunity water systems for eligible projects.

For information and the *SWP Pre-application Form*, please visit our website: www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/ddwem/SRF/Pre-App_and_Application.htm

In order to be part of the 2006 SWP Project Priority List, new SWP pre-applications are due by September 1, 2006.

For more information about Source Water Assessment and Protection, visit the DHS website:

www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/ddwem/dwsap/DWSAPindex.htm



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